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Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney's Docket No. SONY-T0964

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
( under 37 CFR 1.53(b) )

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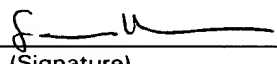
Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled:  
**INFORMATION READOUT APPARATUS AND INFORMATION READOUT METHOD**

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date August 10, 2000, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL387335480US addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Transmittal Form (two copies required)
2. The papers required for filing date under CFR § 1.53(b):
  - i. 39 Pages of specification (including claims and abstract);
  - ii. 12 Sheets of drawings.  
☒ formal ☐ informal
3. Declaration or oath
  - a. ☒ Combined

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

4. ☒ An assignment of the invention to Sony Corporation is attached (including Form PTO-1595).
  - i. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
5. ☒ Power of Attorney (Combined)
6. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, including a PTO-1449 and copies of ☐ references.
7. ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
8. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized)
9. FOREIGN PRIORITY
  - [x] Priority of application no. P11-233241 filed on August 19, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.  
The certified copy of the priority application:  
☒ is filed herewith; or  
☐ has been filed in prior application no. ☐ filed on ☐, or  
☐ will be provided.  
☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

# 10. FEE CALCULATION

- a. ☐ Amendment changing number of claims or deleting multiple dependencies is enclosed.

## CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$690)
Total Claims	13 - 20	* 0	x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	4 - 3	* 1	x \$78.00	78.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			\$260.00	

\*If less than zero, enter "0".

Filing Fee Calculation . . . . . \$768.00

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# 11. Small Entity Status

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.  
b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

# 12. Other Fees

- ☒ Recording Assignment [\$40.00] . . . . . \$40.00  
☐ Other fees  
Specify \_\_\_\_\_ \$0

Total Fees Enclosed . . . . . \$808.00

# 13. Payment of Fees

- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$ 808.00 enclosed.  
☐ Charge Account No. 12-1420 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_.  
**A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.**

# 14. All correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the undersigned attorney:

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# 15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

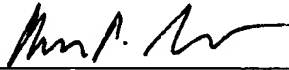
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 12-1420. **A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.**

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